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CBS REPORTS ALLEGED CIA COVERUP IN WILSON-TERPIL CASE

WASHINGTON (AP) - FOUR YEARS AGO; THE CIA ALLEGEDLY COVERED UP THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOME OF ITS TOP OFFICIALS IN AN OPERATION TO SUPPLY MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO LIBYA; CBS NEWS SAID MONDAY.

THE ALLEGATION WAS MADE DURING AN INTERVIEW IN BURUNDI WITH DOUGLAS P. SCHLACHTER SR.; WHO HAS BEEN INDICTED IN WASHINGTON; D.C.; FOR ALLEGEDLY HELPING TO ARRANGE A SHIPMENT OF EXPLOSIVES TO LIBYA AND TRAINING UNIDENTIFIED TERRORISTS TO USE THEM.

SCHLACTER WORKED FOR FRANCIS E. TERPIL AND EDWIN P. WILSON; FORMER CIA EMPLOYES CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY SUPPLYING LIBYAN STRONGMAN MOAMMAR KHADAFY WITH VARIOUS WEAPONS.

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID KHADAFY HAS FOMENTED TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD.

CBS SAID THE ''ALLEGED COVERUP'' CAME AFTER FORMER CIA AGENT KEVIN MULCAHEY; WHO ALSO WORKED FOR WILSON; WENT TO THE CIA IN AN EFFORT TO EXPOSE THE INVOLVEMENT OF TWO TOP CIA OFFICIALS WITH WILSON.

SCHLACHTER IDENTIFIED THESE OFFICIALS IN THE INTERVIEW BROADCAST MONDAY AS THEODORE SHACKLEY AND THOMAS G. CLINES.

''I UNDERSTOOD THAT WITHIN THE AGENCY; IT (MULCAHEY'S ACCUSATION) WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF;'' SAID SCHLACHTER. ''THERE WAS MEETINGS HELD LATER ON; WHICH I WAS PRESENT AT; AFTER THAT TIME ABOUT KEVIN BETWEEN CLINES AND SHACKLEY AND WILSON. AND IT WAS SAID THAT REPORTS WOULD BE CHANGED AND THAT KEVIN WAS NOT A RESPONSIBLE PERSON. HE HAD GONE AGAINST THE AGENCY.''

CBS SAID THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF SCHLACHTER'S ATTORNEY AND MULCAHEY; WHO HAS BEEN HIRED BY THE NETWORK AS ''A TEMPORARY CONSULTANT.'' CBS SAID IT PAID FOR THE LAWYER'S TRIP TO BURUNDI.

EARLIER MONDAY; DALE PETERSON; A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIA; ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING ANY CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTS BY ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES.

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